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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18TH, 1905.

Doctors don't advertise, and the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese makes no flourish of trumpets; but the "Calendar" for 1906 just received reminds us once more that we have in our midst an organisation which is attacking the learned ignorance of China at a vital spot. There is a good deal of exaggeration, perhaps, in the common stories about Chinese medicines; and the prescriptions that include toads' eyebrows, rhinoceros horn, cockroach tea, and the like, are no doubt confined to the ubiquitous quack and the inventor of facette. The Chinese are given credit for having used anaesthetics long before the Western world had recognised their value; and in some of their simpler remedies, the Chinese doctors share the successes of the "herb doctors" of English country places. Except for their admitted ignorance of human physiology, the Chinese medicine men and their patients suffer most from the little knowledge which is dangerous, plus the much superstition that is more so. If we were to argue from the standpoint that the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it, we might be justified in saying that, so far as wholesale results are concerned, the general condition of the race that is, the foreign doctors have little to brag about. But the stamina of the average Chinese, like the much-prated-of decadence of the European, is in spite of, not because of, medical practice. Greater knowledge in Europe has not overcome the tendency to self-indulgence, against which medical science pleads and fights in vain; while

in China it is the other way round: the acupuncture, the messes and messing of the medicine men, cannot work permanent harm to a race which in the mass is given to simple living and intrepid hardship. There have been Chinese themselves who had some glimmering of true causes and effects, or else whence came the native saying that "medicine cures the man who is fated not to die"? China is, however, passing out of that phase which seems to have distinguished England a hundred and fifty years ago, when FIELDING described the surgeon as one wont to prognosticate that if "the malign concoction of his patient's humours should cause a suscussion of the fever, he might soon grow delirious, or delirious, as the vulgar express it." The English were by no means barbarians in those days, yet they relied trustfully then and for some time after upon those students of GALEN and HIPPOCRATES who discoursed so seeming learnedly of the "divelication of that radical small minute invisible nerve which coheres to the pericranium". When we scan this prospectus of the local faculty we realise China's great good fortune in being enabled as the saying goes, to begin where we leave off. At the professional examinations last August, the Chinese students answered such questions as: "What are the conditions that necessitate the performance of (a) laryngotomy (b) tracheotomy? Briefly describe these operations." "Describe the etiology and the morphological characters of the micro-organism producing cholera." It is not improbable that there are in Hongkong and well-educated foreigners who would find themselves at a loss to answer, without stopping to think, such a question as was put to the Chinese class in pathology. It was: "What is a squamous-celled epithelioma?" The cheapest of the text books recommended to these students is about the Reactions of Salts. In each subject, and these included biology, osteology, and nine or ten other abstrusities, every candidate is examined orally and practically. Although the few scholarships on offer are small, and the inducements by no means gaudy, apart from the unceasing glory that must surely attend each graduate, we notice that the present year has seen the addition of five scholarships to the roll of the college. In four or five years after the college was founded, the list began to grow, and we note that Hongkong is given as the place of residence of thirteen, while the rest are scattered abroad, in Japan, Penang, Penang, Selangor, Singapore, Manila and Shanghai. If these young men have really learned all that their examiners have given them credit for, and there is no reason to doubt it, their influence must have a tremendous leavening effect in time.

Local sport will be found on page 5.

The French and English Mail of the 14th and 15th November was delivered in London on the 14th and 15th inst.

The Government Gazette announces that Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day have been proclaimed as public holidays.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. C. Rees to be secretary to the Squatter's Board.

On the occasion of their marriage Mr. I. Turner and Mr. S. Smith were each presented by the staff of the Kowloon Dock Company with a handsome tea and coffee service.

We are asked to draw the attention of subscribers to the St. George's Ball to be held on the 1st December, 1906, at the invitation of the Royal Engineers, Secretary to the Invitation Committee.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that the gun practices ordered to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next, 19th and 20th instant, are postponed to a date to be notified later.

At the Sanitary Institute on Monday night the usual arithmetic class will be held, starting at 8.30 p.m. On Tuesday night Mr. T. L. Perkins will commence lecturing at 9 p.m. on "Building Materials."

The Governor has given his assent in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King to the Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council, the Ordinance to Amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1893.

Notice to mariners is given that on and after the 1st January, 1906, a new storm signal code, using symbols instead of flags, will come into operation at the storm signal stations of the Imperial Maritime Customs at the following places: Newchwang, Chinkiang, Pugoda Anchorage, Taku, Woosung, Amoy, Chefoo, and Gutzlaff. At Shanghai the Municipal Storm Signal Station will also use the new code. At this station and also at Woosung and Gutzlaff the special local weather signals, by means of flags, will be continued as before, but internal flags will be substituted for the Marryat's flags hitherto used.

TELEGRAMS.

[DAILY PRESS EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

NEW ZEALANDERS BEATEN.

BY "GALLANT LITTLE WALES."

LONDON, 16th December.

The New Zealand football team has met its first defeat playing against Wales. The score was three points to nothing.

FOREIGN UNDER-SECRETARY.

LONDON, 16th December.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice is the new Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

[He held the same position in 1882-85.]

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

RUSSIA.

LONDON, 14th December.

Two of the largest Russian tea firms in Moscow have failed.

The Governors of Russian Provinces where, hitherto, martial law has not been enforced, are now invested, practically, with dictatorial powers for three months.

15th December.

The Government buildings in Riga are burning and the inhabitants fleeing. The streets are barricaded. Martial law has been proclaimed, but is ineffective, owing to a lack of troops.

POLITICAL.

LONDON, 14th December.

The Unionist Free-Food Traders have declined an alliance with the Liberals.

FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE MOROCCO QUESTION.

LONDON, 14th December.

A French Yellow Book on the recent Morocco question bears out the idea that the position in June was critical; when France was hesitating to agree to a conference, Prince Von Buelow in speaking to the French Ambassador deprecated any delay, and urged him not to linger on the edge of a precipice, if not on that of an abyss.

MARRIAGE OF EARL COWLEY AND LADY HARTOOP.

LONDON, 15th December.

Earl Cowley and Lady Hartopp have been married by special licence in Colombo.

NEW FRENCH LINE TO THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 15th December.

The Chargeurs Reunis Co. is arranging for a new regular steamship line from London to Yokohama, via Havre, Buenos Aires and Valparaiso.

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

LONDON, 15th December.

Prince von Buelow speaking in the Reichstag, reassembled at great length Germany's innocence of aggressive plans against Great Britain, and denied that Germany had ever been on the point of declaring war against Great Britain; the causes of the present crisis in the relations of the countries were a mystery and the stories of a violent collision between the Kaiser and King Edward illogical lies; the prince bitterly attacked the Social Democrats, whose constant representations of Germany as a disturber of the peace had contributed to British mistrust.

JAPANESE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

LONDON, 15th December.

An order in Council includes Japan among countries admissible to the advantages of mutual medical practice.

THE BAZAAR OF TOYS.

Perhaps no better appreciation of the good work undertaken by the Catholic Union could be wished for than the large measure of public patronage accorded to the annual Bazaar of Toys held last night in the compound of the Royal Catholic Cathedral. As is pretty well known, this *al fresco* fair is designed to raise funds for the presentation of suitable gifts to the poor children of the colony on Christmas Day and also making donations to necessitous adults at Wa-chai of attire that may be most required at this season. Enlisting in the work a large number of ladies and gentlemen as stall holders and appealing successfully for gifts and contributions, the Union were able to organise a very pretty bazaar scene. The principal stall was devoted to toys, while other devices for tickling the public fancy and raising money were ranged round the exterior of the church. The dusky musicians of the 119th Moolan Regiment added their "concourse of sweet sounds" to the scenes of pleasure animation, in which representatives of all nationalities in the island seemed to participate. The tea stall, which was opened early in the afternoon, was a distinct success, and the people who attended in such numbers from nine to eleven o'clock were apparently delighted with the picturesque fare.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN.

[OPENING BY THE GOVERNOR.]

An interesting event took place at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon when the new bowling greens and tennis courts just completed for the Kowloon Bowling Green Club were formally opened by His Excellency the Governor. As is well known, a rearrangement of the grounds was found necessary when a ground was allotted by the Government to the Kowloon Cricket Club. They were obliged to allow the alterations to be carried out, and now the works have been finished there are two well laid bowling greens, with a tennis court at each end, while a handsome pavilion overlooks all, in which comforts and conveniences can be secured by the members.

Sir Harry Berkely proposed "prosperity to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club." They had heard, he said, from His Excellency how the Club had co-operated with the Government and by that co-operation secured an advantage of additional ground. The club was sure to prosper, and one advantage was that many of its members joined the Volunteer Reserve Association (applause and applause). He had already recruited six that afternoon, and that was the best possible indication of its hope for the future (applause).

The Governor then presented the prizes won during the season as follows: President's prize—1, Mr. J. Gault; 2, Mr. J. M. Henderson, Vice-president's prize—1, Mr. G. H. Edwards; 2, Mr. G. R. Haxton. Champion ship prize—1, Mr. J. P. Gault; 2, Mr. G. R. Haxton.

His Excellency afterwards made, on behalf of the Club, a presentation to Mr. Kinross, the secretary, in recognition of his valuable services in getting the new greens made.

The gift took the form of a silver kettle.

Mr. Kinross acknowledged the gift and said that what he had done for the club he was prepared to do again. He had done his best. There had been a lot of work in forming the greens, but if the members were satisfied he was more than repaid for what he had done (applause).

Tea was dispensed by the ladies and a few rinks played on the new green, but the pleasure unfortunately was marred by the rain. However, the ceremony of the afternoon was all that could have been desired, and the members were pleased at its success. The ladies were thanked for their services, on the call of Mr. Jack.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

15th December.

LINCHOW AFFAIR: A CONTEMPTIBLE WITNESS.

Wen Tsung-yao has caused a man named Lam-Hi to be arrested and brought down to Canton for trial. It appears that prisoner is a Chinese lawyer who meddles in all sorts of shady businesses and is a notorious bad character.

When the Commission arrived he sent a petition to the American Consul-General in which he stated that the massacre originated through the Boycott and denounced several good people, against whom he had a grudge, as having participated in the affair. He advised the Consul-General not to sign the report of the investigation. Wen Taotai finding that the accusations were false, telegraphed the matter to Viceroy Shun who issued orders for Lam-Hi's arrest on the 7th inst.

CANTON-MACAO RAILWAY.

When the concession for this line was granted, it was agreed between the Portuguese and Chinese Governments that each side would contribute \$4,000,000 towards the capital required for the construction of the line. The Chinese director, Lam Tak-Yuen, has already in hand \$2,000,000 but the Portuguese have so far raised nothing. Lam petitioned Shen Shum Wu some months ago requesting him to urge the Portuguese Minister in Peking to move in the matter. Nothing having been done since, Sheng has now memorialized the Wai-Wu-Pu advising the concession to be cancelled. The Portuguese Director is said to have left for Portugal to try and raise the capital.

OUR FUNNY NEIGHBOURS.

On the 12th inst. while the young cadets from the torpedo-boats were going through a course of drill exercises on the parade ground a collision occurred between them and a Manchu soldier who stood on the parade ground and refused to move on. In the scuffle, that ensued the Manchu was hit on the nose which started to bleed. The warrior cried "Save life" and in a few seconds all the Manchus and Bannermen in the neighbourhood came to his assistance and drove the cadets and their instructors away from the ground after a free fight. The master has been settled by compensating the "wounded" and a guard has now been placed at the gates to prevent any spectators from trespassing on the drill grounds.

16th December.

CHAU TUNG SANG'S AFFAIRS.

Chau Kai Tsang, who was recently deported by the Sin-Hau-Kuk, to report on the value of the different properties seized, has now s.t. in the valuation list. Chau-Tung-Sang's private home has been valued at 190,000 taels, and Chau-Ti-Son's new and old residences respectively at 25,000 and 20,000 taels. The report includes the valuation of over a hundred houses which were owned by Chau Tung Sang, Tit Sui or Fu-Ka-Tai. The deputy is now preparing a report for the properties seized in the Pun-Yu district.

THE BOYCOTT: EXTRAORDINARY LETTER.

The Boycott Union here has informed the public that the nine representatives who were sent to Hongkong to aid the Hongkong Committee to draft a suitable reply to the American Merchants, had exceeded their powers and that the twelve clauses of their reply were not in accord with the resolutions passed at a previous meeting here. The Boycott Union here has received telegrams and letters from the unions in the different ports informing them that they did not approve of the reply and that they took no notice of what had been done without their approval. An extraordinary meeting has been called for the 17th inst. to discuss the situation.

The following letter was received by the Union a few days ago:

"To the gentlemen members of the principal Boycott union, for their information, I (should slave), though without influence or power, have replied.

subscribed towards the funds of the Boycott a sum of over \$6,000 collected by myself in aid of the union. I have acquired nothing or deserve any merit. What I have done was for the good of the people. The difficult task was at the point of being accomplished when suddenly our aims were defeated. Your respectable union sent representatives to Hongkong to consult with the Hongkong Committee and submit a reply to the proposals of the American merchants. I observe that this has been published in all the newspapers, the names of all the representatives being given. Two conditions have been submitted which bring ruin and defeat to ourselves. The reading of them causes one's hair to stand erect on our heads, and our eyes come out of their sockets. I now ask you all what were the original intentions of the Boycott Committee. Your reply would be that it was to prevent the Americans from ill-treating and excluding Chinese labourers from their country. In nearly all of the conditions you leave out the labour question; this is not in accord with the intentions of the Boycott Union. Shame! Shame! What you have done is to shout out all Chinese labourers as if you had nothing to do with that question. You even seem to have held the Americans to exclude and provide ill-treatment for the labourers. You have collected tens of thousands of dollars subscribed by the Chinese people who re-entitled their fellow countrymen being ill-treated by Americans, and the Union was got up to support their case. You have abandoned the battle-field and have turned your spears against your countrymen; you have acted like traitors. This is very improper conduct and I have no sympathy for you. Who is the President? where is the Committee and what are you doing? Every arrow is now pointed towards you. If you value your lives take the hint. (Signed)—One of the numerous Chinese subjects residing in Hongkong."

Numerous letters similar to the above have been sent here from various ports.

The Boycott committee here received the following telegram from San Francisco. "The representatives sent to Hongkong to join the local committee in drafting the twelve conditions are not good nor perfect. We know you people did not go to Hongkong and that you had no hand in the drawing up of the reply. We hope you will strictly maintain the Boycott. We will hold a meeting regarding the establishment of a large arts and manufacture shop as soon as we are in possession of the conditions and regulations."

POLICE COURT.

Saturday, 16th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

BLUEJACKETS QUARREL.

Two bluejackets from the U.S. man-of-war Wisconsin were charged with having assaulted a marine from H.M.S. *Hogue*. Apparently a disturbance had taken place in the New Traveller's Hotel on the 12th inst. in the course of which the marine was hit on the head with a chair and was removed in an unconscious condition to the Government Civil Hospital. Several witnesses were not able to state very clearly who had struck the blow, but his Worship, who had Consul Bragg and an officer from the *Hogue* with him, considered the second defendant had committed the assault under provocation and fined him \$5. The other man was discharged.

HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

A "parliamentary election" in Hongkong is a disappointing affair. No flaring posters adorn the walls; no servid speeches are daily made from the hustings to catch the votes of electors; no colours are worn by the contending parties; and—well, any transient visitor from a vessel calling in at the port would scarcely suspect that we are now in the throes of an election—the election by the Justices of the Peace of an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council. The franchise is a limited one—a very limited one, seeing that the voters number only about 100 out of a population of 350,000—but Crown Colonies have to be thankful for small mercies in the way of representative government. However, though the franchise is narrowly limited, the interest in the event is more widely felt, even though the casual visitor to Hongkong may deem it obscurely manifested, and one of the Great Unprivileged inquires what special qualifications the elect of the Justices of the Peace is required or expected to possess in distinction to the qualifications of the Member for the Chamber of Commerce. I regret my inability to answer the question by a direct reference to any official paper, and have pleasure in passing the question on to the candidates, who probably know and will be glad to answer it with all the eloquence they can command. One has no difficulty in divining what are the qualifications for representing the Chamber of Commerce in the Council, but whether there was any clearly defined intention that the member representing the Justices of the Peace should especially represent any other than the commercial interests we might only learn from the unpublished dispatch by Sir George Bowen in which he recommended this electoral scheme to the Imperial authorities, about the year 1889. Presumably there was some such intention, though all Unofficial Members of the Council, having the welfare of the Colony at heart, must recognise the importance of giving their utmost support to any proposal which aims at conserving and promoting our commercial interests. Nor must none forget that the position of an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council is a trust for the community as a whole and not a vantage ground for protecting particular trade or class interests. Three excellent candidates are contesting the election. My choice would be—where are their "programmes"? Must we vote for men or for principles and policies? We know they are all honourable men, and probably the prevailing sentiment among the great body of con-electors will be *"Pahnam qui merit, ferat!"* The voting is by ballot, and the votes have to be counted in the presence of all the Justices who attend the meeting convened by the senior magistrate.

Whenever an election of an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council takes place, the automaton character of the Official Members always comes in for remark. They do not speak and vote as they please—or rather in the way the community would like to see them speak and vote. "The Governor pulls the strings and the figures move accordingly." That is the light in which Official Members of the Legislative Councils in all Crown Colonies are regarded. The community of Hongkong, by petition to the House of Commons on one occasion, prayed that the Official Members should be allowed to speak and vote as they pleased, and the reply came back from Lord Ripon, the Colonial Secretary of the day, in these terms:

"It is a demand which is familiar in the case of Crown Colonies, but only one answer can be given to it, viz., that the paid servants of the Government cannot be left free to oppose the Government. I should be surprised to learn that the Officials themselves wished to be given this freedom."

I can only recall one occasion on which an official has voted against the Government. That was possibly due to a mistake, though, as the member was new to the position, he may have voted conscientiously and in ignorance of what was expected of him in the way of loyalty to the Government.

Another event to which many are now beginning to look forward is the Annual Race Meeting. The griffins from Shanghai are arriving later this year than usual owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable animals in the north, doubtless a result of the war. Fifty have been ordered from Shanghai, and 13 only have arrived, but a further batch is coming on the *Kwangsang* which is expected to arrive to-day. The first batch to arrive appears on the whole to be a very satisfactory lot. Every morning before breakfast owners and riders are to be seen on the track, and we may now regard the training season as commenced.

One of these days somebody, I hope, will be inspired to write an addendum to the "Tales of the China Coast," giving us a book of detectable yarns which might be entitled "Tales of China Skippers." One was told me the other day which might find a place in such a collection. A popular skipper who has recently returned from Home relates how fascinated he was by the stories now-a-days heard in certain circles about the luxury of workhouse life in England, and thinking, maybe, that some day he might need a quiet, luxuriously comfortable and inexpensive retreat in the "old country," resolved to have a little anticipatory experience of life in a "People's Peace." Not being old and indigent, an application to the Guardians for admission to "the House" was out of the question, but the able-bodied, if destitute, have no difficulty in getting into the casual ward. Our skipper and a friend, having resolved to make the experiment, attired themselves in garbs suitable to the destitute character of the out-of-work British workman, presented themselves at the portals of a casual ward and were duly admitted.

One of the first comforts of the institution to which they were introduced was the bath! No doubt, the warden remarked that they were clean-looking specimens of the British tramp, but that possibly only confirmed the warden in his pre-conceived opinion that they were professional tramps, who would, in the ordinary course of things, get a bath every day, though each day in a different workhouse. After a plain, wholesome meal, with no whiskey and cigars to follow, came the order to "turn in" for the night. While the sleeping accommodation was not so comfortable as a captain's cabin on a China cruiser, the able seaman of these parts would describe it as "can do," and tired tramps might be expected to sleep as soundly as the average Chinese coolie will sleep on a stone wall. The most amusing part of the tale comes after the breakfast, full and satisfying, but not appetising to men of epicurean tastes. Every casual has to cover the expenses of his night's lodging and breakfast by performing a "task" before he is allowed to leave, and the task is usually to pick a certain quantity of oakum or break a certain quantity of stone. "Picking oakum" is the task in most casual wards, and our skipper reckoned he could do that like a shot. But in the particular ward he had selected to enter stone-breaking was the allotted task, and the job well-nigh broke the skipper's heart. His friend knew something about the stratification of stone and managed to complete his task and get quit of the establishment by eleven o'clock; but the skipper had had no experience of stone-breaking, and it took him some time to acquire the knack. It was four o'clock before the task was completed, and as the regulations allow only one meal a day to be given to a casual, the fumished skipper on the completion of his arduous task took his discharge with a sense of great relief and has come back to China, his hands still sore from the use of the hammer, and his mind thoroughly made up that the luxury of workhouse life in England will not appeal to him should the stress of competition ever put him on his beam ends.

The rain which fell on Friday night was very welcome, for the notices published by the Water Authority recently have warned us that the reservoirs are getting low. We have had much less rain this year than usual. For the last three years the rainfall has averaged 90 inches, but to end of November this year, only about 63 inches had fallen. Dr. Clark, the Medical Officer of Health, in his last report pointed out that the rainfall records of the last twenty years indicate a progressive change in our climatic conditions. From 1885 to the end of 1891 the average yearly rainfall was 95.19 inches; in the succeeding ten years the average was only 74.84 inches. These figures have an important bearing on the water storage accommodation question.

This day week is Christmas Day when Christendom and his wife does the bidding of the poet who says:

At Christmas play, and make good cheer.
For Christmas comes but once a year.

Never have I seen the shops of Hongkong so prettily decorated with all that goes to "make good cheer," especially for the younger members of the community, who must now be dreaming nightly of the coming of Santa Claus. And we are actually to have a Christmas Pantomime. The Zorilla Comedy Company, who are now returning home from Shanghai, announce that they will re-open to-morrow in St. George's Hall with "Sinalad the Sailor." I would like to suggest to the management the advisability of arranging for a Matinee performance, or numbers of children would miss what to them would be a treat to be long-remembered.

BANYAN.

CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE CO.

The 39th ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the China Traders Insurance Company, Ltd., was held at the Company's Office Queen's Buildings, on Saturday at noon. Mr. A. Haupt, chairman of directors, presided and there were also present Messrs. E. Goetz, A. R. Linton, C. R. Lenzman (directors), W. Parlane, Ho Foo, G. Orange, G. D. Champoux, J. R. Michael, F. P. Hett, O. A. Do Cruz, with the secretary, Mr. James Whittall.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen—Before submitting my remarks on the business specially before the meeting, I desire to refer to the loss, by death, since we last met, of a very old and valued servant of this company—our late secretary, Mr. W. H. Ray—whose decease occurred on the 2nd August last. Mr. Ray lived but only a short span after his enforced retirement, and I am sure that you will desire to join with your directors in again formally expressing our deep sense of the loss of one who served us so well and so faithfully for so many years.

The report and statement of accounts which we to-day present for your adoption—and which, with your permission, I will take as read—do not, I am sorry to say, realise our hopes of a year ago, but our chairman on a recent occasion of our meeting together, foreshadowed this, and you will, therefore, have been somewhat prepared for this expression of disappointment. As then intimated, however, the results of the past year's working are primarily due to the quite exceptional experiences caused by the Russo-Japanese war, now happily at an end, and through which we, common with most other marine insurance companies, have temporarily suffered. It is true that the abnormal increases in both our premium income and loss settlements are due to the acceptance of war risks, and it might be

inferred, therefore, that that particular class of business had not dealt kindly with us. In the sense that it has not been very satisfactory, that is so, but I am glad to be able to say that if we succeed in recovering the substantial refunds in respect of payments made, which we hope to recover on such risks as the *Knight Commander*, *Hipsang*, *St. Kilda*, and various others, our ventures in this particular direction will not, so far as the year's operations under review are concerned, result in any material loss, and it is even quite possible that our war risk business, covering the whole period of the war, may yet result in a profit. It is more to our general and ordinary business that we must look for the falling off, for whilst on the one hand the disorganisation of trade owing to the war is accountable for a substantial decrease in our normal takings, I am sorry to say a corresponding decrease in our normal claim settlement is not so apparent. In all the circumstances I think we may congratulate ourselves that we are able to maintain our dividend and bonus on last year's basis—as your Directors think we quite safely can do—to know that although the amount left to be carried to suspense appears small, yet with that addition we still have a suspense fund more than ample to meet our known outstanding liabilities; and that if we are only moderately fortunate in our ultimate recoveries in respect of war risks, the former position of our liquid reserves is likely to be completely reinstated. The accounts themselves are otherwise, I think, self-explanatory. Messrs. Palmer & Turner have as usual reported on the properties under mortgage to the company, and their valuations show ample margins of security. I take this opportunity of referring to a matter in which you will naturally be interested. In response to our circular of the 10th October last, the votes of our shareholders on the recent offer made to them by the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., have, as returned, proved sufficiently satisfactory to the Society for them to claim fulfilment of the undertaking entered into by our assenting shareholders, and, subject only to their shareholders now giving their sanction to the necessary increase of capital, the arrangement will be duly completed. In the mean time it has been agreed between us on approximate estimates made, that the ratio for the exchange of shares on the intrinsic values of the shares of the respective companies to be taken at the 31st December next, shall be fixed at the "convenient round figure" of ten of the Company's shares for one of the Society's shares. No provision has been made for the Society to receive back any balance in cash in the event of the approximate estimates proving to have been too much in favour of the China Traders' shareholders, and it was necessary, therefore, that there should be left a margin of safety in favour of the Society. In addition, however, to the exchange of scrip, certificates will be issued by the Society to the Company's assenting shareholders, entitling them or their assignees to any cash balance that may eventually be ascertained to be due to them, together with simple interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. These certificates, which it is intended to make transferable by endorsement in order to make them readily salable, are to be redeemable as soon as practicable after the 31st December, 1908, by which time it is conceded that the accounts of the respective companies as to the 31st December next will have run off, or if not, any outstanding liabilities can without difficulty be estimated. For the purpose of ascertaining the final intrinsic value, it has also been agreed that the total net assets of the respective companies as at the 31st December next shall be valued at the rates of exchange of that date, and that all subsequent payments made, and recoveries received, in respect of 1905 and previous years, shall be reckoned at current rates of exchange. The balance as thus estimated is in each case to be considered the final intrinsic value. We understand that it is the intention of the Society to repeat its former offer, not only to those of our shareholders who have so far not replied, but also to those who have declined. A further agreement has been previously entered into and will, in due course, be ratified, in respect of a working arrangement between the two companies, which we hope and believe will prove to be beneficial to the shareholders, and also to the constituents of both companies. I think I have now dealt with all points calling for comment, but before formally moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be glad to give, so far as I can, any further information that may be desired.

The CHAIRMAN—There being no questions asked, I beg to propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted.

Mr. ORANGE seconded, and the motion was carried *en cons.*

On the proposition of Mr. PARLANE, seconded by Mr. HO FOO, the appointment of Messrs. A. R. Linton and C. R. Lenzman as directors was confirmed.

Messrs. LENZMAN and HAUPT, the retiring directors, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. CHAMPEAUX, seconded by Mr. MICHAEL.

Mr. HETT proposed, and Mr. PARLANE seconded, the re-election of Messrs. T. ARNOLD and H. U. JEFFRIES as auditors. This was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, that is all the business. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday morning on application.

Eight thousand pounds weight of steel, containing the bodies of two workmen, is to be buried with funeral service at Midvale, Pennsylvania. The men were engaged in a crucible pit when the steel, in a molten state, fell upon them and converted them into ashes. Not a trace of the men could be found.

V.R.C. REGATTA.

It was unfortunate that the day appointed for the holding of the V.R.C. regatta should have broken so unpromising. This popular event has always been looked forward to by the sports-loving public of Hongkong, and although the ominous clouds which screened the sky on Saturday, no doubt, had the effect of keeping many at home, still there was a fairly large attendance. The events were all keenly contested, and through the efforts of an energetic committee, were kept well up to time: perhaps the most interesting of these was the International Challenge Cup, for the honour of retaining which for one year, English and German teams competed. The Germans have now held this cup for three years, and their victory on Saturday entitles them to hold it for still another year. Notwithstanding the advantages they had, however, in a newer and more up-to-date boat, they were pressed hard throughout the race. It was in the final sprint that they had the advantage, and they shot past the judge's launch with a length and a half to spare. The flagship was the *s.s. Lucia Vittoria*, which had been kindly lent by Messrs. Musso and Co. She was moored east of Stonecutters' Island, and the course was from a starting line north of the vessel. The band of H.M.S. *Dido* rendered a number of excellent musical selections during the afternoon. The officials were as under:

President: His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathaniel, K.C.M.G.; Vice President: His Excellency Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B.; Committee: Mr. Arthur Chapman, Chairman; Messrs. W. Armstrong, W. A. Crane, G. A. Caldwell, C. H. Grace, E. M. Hazlewood, T. C. Gray, T. Meek, E. W. Mitchell, A. Rodger; Judges: Messrs. A. Rodger and E. W. Mitchell; Starter: Mr. W. H. Potts; Umpires: Mr. C. H. Grace, Mr. H. P. White and Hon. Mr. Gershon Stewart; Time-keeper: Mr. T. Meek; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. A. Seth; Hon. Secy.: Mr. Frank Lamont.

The following were the results:

Chairman's CHALLENGE CUP.—For four-oars. Cup to be held by the winning crew for one year, but to remain the property of the Club. Distance, one mile. Entrance, \$10.00. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Rose—Bow, O. R. Chunyut, J. M. Rosa Pereira, A. V. Barros; Stroke, J. A. S. Alves; Cox, W. J. Carroll.

Shamrock—Bow, J. Crucksbank, J. F. Eça da Silva, F. M. Rosa Pereira; Stroke, H. Rapp; Cox, F. Lammert.

Kornblume—Bow, A. H. Carroll, J. J. Watson, H. S. Holmes; Stroke, L. A. Musso; Cox, R. W. Pearson.

Rosa—Bow, O. R. Chunyut, J. M. Rosa Pereira, F. M. Rosa Pereira; Stroke, H. Rapp; Cox, E. Humphries.

Shamrock—Bow, A. J. V. Ribeiro, J. J. Watson, H. S. Holmes; Stroke, J. A. S. Alves; Cox, W. J. Carroll.

Kornblume—Bow, ... Stroke, ... Cox, ...

Rose—Bow, ... Stroke, ... Cox, ...

This was little won on the teams throughout. The *Rose* got home first, closely followed by the *Sudsy*.

PARSEE CUP.—Presented by the Parsee community of Hongkong. For four-oars. Distance, one mile. Entrance, \$10. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Kornblume—Bow, J. Crucksbank, J. F. Eça da Silva, A. V. Barros; Stroke, L. A. Musso; Cox, R. W. Pearson.

Rose—Bow, O. R. Chunyut, J. M. Rosa Pereira, F. M. Rosa Pereira; Stroke, H. Rapp; Cox, E. Humphries.

Shamrock—Bow, A. J. V. Ribeiro, J. J. Watson, H. S. Holmes; Stroke, J. A. S. Alves; Cox, W. J. Carroll.

Kornblume—Bow, ... Stroke, ... Cox, ...

Rose—Bow, ... Stroke, ... Cox, ...

This was one of the best races of the day, and Musso's team deserved their win. A good start was witnessed, and half the course was covered before the teams began to separate. Then Musso pulled to the front, Rapp taking up the second position, with Alves a good third. Thus they passed the judge's stand, there being little to spare between them. Time—7 min. 2 sec.

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP.—Open for four-oars. Cup presented by the late J. S. Leprikt, Esq., to be held by the winning crew for one year, but to remain the property of the Club. (Prize presented by the Hongkong Club.) Distance, one mile. Entrance, \$10.00. To be rowed in boats the property of the competing Club or Unit.

German—Bow, A. Berbling, F. Orlopp, C. König, Stroke, W. O. Kohler, Cox, E. Siels.

English—Bow, F. A. Biden, J. Witchell, H. W. Lester, Stroke, G. G. Franklin, Cox, G. A. Caldwell.

German—Bow, ... Stroke, ... Cox, ...

English—Bow, ... Stroke, ... Cox, ...

The competitors got a good start, but almost immediately the lighter craft of the German crew shot to the front. When about half the course was covered they were something like three lengths in the lead, but at this stage the English crew rowed well, and soon lessened the distance which separated them. The boat's then ran side by side until near the winning post, when the German's craft shot ahead and ran in a length and a half ahead of the English. Time—6 min. 43 sec.

TUB SCULLING.—(Tub Sculling Boats) Distance, Half Mile. Entrance, \$2.00. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

The starters were—E. G. Jordan, F. M. de Cruz, A. H. Carroll and W. J. Carroll.

A. H. Carroll won this race, by about three lengths, but Jordan entered a protest, stating that the winner had crossed his bows. The protest was upheld, and the committee decided the race should be rowed again.

MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS.—Distance, one mile. Entrance, \$1.00. Four boats must start for two prizes. 1st Prize, \$15.00; 2nd Prize, \$5.00. Service boats and conditions. (Post Entries.)

Alacrity—Bow, ... Stroke, ... Cox, ...

Diadem—Bow, ... Stroke, ... Cox, ...

This was an excellent race, the six boats which started keeping well together throughout, and finishing up in close array at the winning post, the *Alacrity* only beating the *Diadem* by three-quarters of a length.

INTER-CLUB FOOTS.—Prize presented by the members of the Club Germania. For Four-Oars. Distance, one mile. Entrance, \$10.00. To be rowed in boats the property of the competing club or unit. Open to members who have not competed in the Inter-Club Foots at the Canton Regatta, 1905.

On the 17th at 12.5 p.m. The barometer has fallen over N. China, W. Japan and the Loochoos.

High pressure areas are lying over N. China and S.E. Japan, and a low pressure area is situated near the Loochoos.

Strong monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate or fresh N. winds; fair, cloudy.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

NOTICE.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, &c., should be addressed to THE MANAGER. Orders for extra copies of DAILY PRESS should be given in before 11 a.m. on day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Only supplies for Cash.

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SUBSCRIBERS to ST. GEORGE'S BALL are requested to send in to the undersigned, as soon as possible, the names of the guests whom they intend to invite. The subscription of \$25 covers one guest. The subscription for each additional guest will be \$5. The term "GUEST" includes a married couple. No resident ENGLISHMAN or WELSHMAN, which includes NAVAL & MILITARY OFFICERS of these nationalities, may be invited.

P. F. J. WODEHOUSE,
Secretary to the
Invitation Committee.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1905. [2854]

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"GNEISENAU," Captain G. Böte, due here with the outward German Mail about TUESDAY, at 8 P.M. will leave for the above places about 12/24 hours after arrival.

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HERBERT L. BEER, L.C.P., Head Master, Hongkong, 15th December, 1905. [2832]

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I HAVE this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOLLES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS for Hongkong for the above Society, in the place of Mr. F. KIBNE, whose engagement has been terminated.

J. T. HAMILTON, General Manager for the East, Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2573]

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I HAVE this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOLLES & CO. AGENTS for the above Corporation, in place of Mr. F. KIENE, whose engagement has been terminated.

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [1535]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction

TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 18th December, 1905, at 11 A.M. at his SALES ROOMS, Drudell Street.

10 bales BOOK PAPER, 7 cases LINEN HAND-MADE PAPER, 9 " CROWN LION LEDGER PAPER.

5 bales TIS-SUE PAPER.

4 COPIING PAPER.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 15th December, 1905. [2834]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction

TO-DAY (MONDAY),

the 18th and 19th December, 1905, at 10 A.M. each day, at H. M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDRY NAVAL VICTUALLING, OBSOLETE AND CONDEMNED STORES.

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TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & MOUGH, Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. [2803]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY of CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society No. 1, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of DECEMBER, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon when the subjoined resolution will be proposed:

"That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$3,100,000 by the creation of 2,400 additional ordinary shares of \$250 each (whereof \$100 shall be credited as paid-up) ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to the existing shareholders of the CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 25th August, 1905, such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the balance, if any, of the said additional shares be disposed of by the Board in such manner as it shall think most beneficial to the Society."

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation in a special resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1905.

By Order of the Board.

W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undermentioned CERTIFICATES No. N.S. 1653/1664 dated Shanghai 17th July, 1900, for FOUR HUNDRED AND THREE SHARES of this Bank registered at the SHANGHAI BRANCH in the name of TONG SHOU PANG (now deceased) have been LOST and should these certificates not be produced before the 29th day of December, 1905, NEW CERTIFICATES for the shares will be issued by the SHANGHAI BRANCH and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. N.S. 1653/1664 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

No. N.S. 1653 for 50 Shares numbered 49728/37, 32829/11, 25049/12, 38923/69, 15281 and 40387/42.

No. N.S. 1654 for 50 Shares numbered 38856/75, 60803/17, 6983/62 and 6811/18.

No. N.S. 1655 for 40 Shares numbered 8535/49, 65/46/50, 2587/48 and 6023/37.

No. N.S. 1656 for 50 Shares numbered 52926/82 and 25852/54.

No. N.S. 1657 for 25 Shares numbered 37075/99, 1658/23 and 25 Shares numbered 47623/27, 16283/37 and 22066/15.

No. N.S. 1659 for 25 Shares numbered 47012/11, 10348/52 and 65679/88.

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L'UNION DE PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. 13

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.

£17,161,299.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL..... 23,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... 2,750,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 637,500 0 0
II. FUNDS..... 3,001,266 12 9

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. (1567)

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

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REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 181

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W.M. PARLANE, Manager, Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. (55)

DAVID CORBET & SON'S MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CANVAS RELIANCE CROWN TARPAULIN ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO. Sole Agents.

A. LING & CO., FURNITURE STORE PLATED GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE, &c., and POOCHOW LACQUERED WARE. 68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. (2355)

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

EXTRA COPIES of "Daily Press" are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTTONJEE'S KOWLOON STORE, NO. 36, Elgin Road and Mr. AH YAU'S FERRY WHARF, STALL. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H. E. C. C. v. NAVAL TEAM. This match was played on the Hongkong Club Ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Club by one wicket and 107 runs. The scores are as under:

A NAVAL TEAM.

1st innings Rev. Hastings, b Morrell, c Daniel, b Mackay 22 Midshipman Combe, b Bird 0 not out 1 Bird 0 not out 1 Midshipman Ling, b Morrell 3 run out 2 Lieutenant Hutchins, b Bird 24 Lieutenant Lewis, b Morrell 8 not out 1 Paymaster Woodward, b Morrell 16 3 Daniel, b Mackay 24 Eng. Lieut. Hastings, c Morrell, b Bird 0 Rev. Water, st Ponsonby, b Bird 0 Mr. W. P. Morrell 0 Midshipman Knox Little, run out 1 Eng. Lieut. Westbrook, not out 1 Extras 5 Total 49

2nd innings Rev. Hastings, b Morrell, c Daniel, b Mackay 22 Midshipman Combe, b Bird 0 not out 1 Midshipman Ling, b Morrell 3 run out 2 Lieutenant Hutchins, b Bird 24 Lieutenant Lewis, b Morrell 8 not out 1 Paymaster Woodward, b Morrell 16 3 Daniel, b Mackay 24 Eng. Lieut. Hastings, c Morrell, b Bird 0 Rev. Water, st Ponsonby, b Bird 0 Mr. W. P. Morrell 0 Midshipman Knox Little, run out 1 Eng. Lieut. Westbrook, not out 1 Extras 5 Total 49

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg and Co. in their weekly share list, dated the 17th December, 1905, say:—

Our market has remained in a very weak state during the week under review; and whatever small business has been done, has almost invariably been done at lower rates.

The tightness of the money market is being very keenly felt, and speculators are almost totally absent from the Bourse. The Sterling demand rate on London is £2, 6d., while rates on Shanghai are more or less nominal. Bourse in London is quoted 30/5/6d., and Consols 48/5d.

BANK SHARES.—A few unimportant lots of Hongkong and Shanghai changed hands at \$875 to \$870, and at latter rate there are further sellers; the London rate is £92 10s.; Nations are unchanged.

MANURE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions have been done at £735 to £720, closing with sellers at the lower figure. China Trade is offering at \$90. North China has remained hands in the north at Tls. 90, so we follow quotation. Cantons have dropped to sellers at \$825, while Yangtze is quiet at \$170.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unchanged and without sale, sellers at quotations.

SHIPMENT SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Shares sold in small lots at \$25 to \$24, while latter is the nominal closing rate. Indo-China have ruled very weak, and only small sales could be effected at \$33 to \$34, which is also the London quotation. An interim dividend of 1s. per share on ordinary shares (coupon No. 6) has just been declared on account of 1905, and is payable in London on 1st January, 1906. Hongkong Steam Waterboats are offered at \$13.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars, in spite of the good results of the present year, have fallen further, and down to \$205 has been accepted, and more shares are on offer. Lububs sold and have further sellers at \$25.

MINING SHARES.—Raubs have been done and wanted at \$32.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—Some business has been transacted in Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Shares, at rates ranging between \$163 and \$164, the market closing with further buyers at \$163, and sellers at \$164. Old Goo, Fentong, fetched \$25, while the new issue is quoted \$24. New Amy Dock Shares are unchanged. Farnham have dropped in Shanghai to Tls. 127 sellers, but at Tls. 125 buyers could be found. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Shares changed hands at \$108 and \$109, and at latter rate there are buyers. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf and Godown Company Shares are quoted Tls. 205 in the north.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co.'s shares sold in small way at \$125, but more shares are on offer. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$40. West Points have sellers at \$55, and Hongkong Hotels at \$150. Humphreys sold at \$12, and Shanghai Lands at Tls. 122.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewos have fallen in the month to Tls. 55; Internationals are quoted Tls. 40, and Laon Kun Mewa Mills 60; Sooyches are nominal at Tls. 250, and Hongkong Cottons have sellers at \$14.

SUNDAY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Philippines sold and can be placed at \$5. China Light and Power fetched \$29. Electric are wanted at \$150 for old and \$145 for new issue. Green Island Cement Share has been fixed at \$282 and \$283, and have sellers at the higher figure. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—A few China Providents fetched \$82, but the market is quiet at that rate. Lunapakas are quoted Tls. 203, sellers ex. Dividend of Tls. 74 per share paid yesterday. Watkins are on offer at \$6, while Watsons are wanted at \$124. Other stocks under this heading unchanged.

Total 49

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H.E.C.C. 1st innings O. M. R. W. 2nd innings O. M. R. W.

R. E. O. Bird 9 1 36 3 S. S. Smith 8 5 1 23 6

C. W. P. Turner 7 1 17 1

D. Mackay 4 2 20 2

A NAVAL TEAM.

1st innings O. M. R. W. 2nd innings O. M. R. W.

Hastings 13 3 63 2 Lewin 15 1 59 3

Rev. Hastings 6 1 15 1

Woodward 5 1 19 2

Eng. Lieut. "A" & R. G.A.

This match ended in a win for the Artillery four wickets and 56 runs. Scores:—

H.E.C.C. 1st innings O. M. R. W. 2nd innings O. M. R. W.

E. A. Fowler, b Longbottom 0

W. E. Haining, b Longbottom 0

C. H. Falconer, b Clarke, b Kerrick 7

G. B. Pigott, b Snow 2

F. H. Kew, absent 0

O. E. Fowler, b Snow 6

C. C. Scott, not out 6

C. T. Costigan, b Kerrick 0

A. S. Collier, b Kerrick 0

Extras 1

Total 50

B.G.A.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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Longbottom 7 3 17 3

Crump 4 1 11 1

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Fowler 29 3 1 1

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Daniel 31 3 1

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ALGOA, British str., 4,897. A. Lockett, 17th Dec., San Francisco via Portau, Tasmania 17th Oct. and Moji 12th Dec., flour and General—P. M. S. Co.

ANNA, British str., 2,250. J. M. Williamson, 17th Dec., Moji 11th Dec., Coal—Doddwell & Co.

BIRDS, Norwegian str., from Canton.

BRISGAVIA, German str., 6,463. C. Russ, 16th Dec., Singapore, 9th Dec., General—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

CHOVANG, British str., from Canton.

ENNA LUYKSEN, German str., 17th Dec., from Canton.

HAMMUN, British steamer, 17th Dec., from Canton.

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Douglas Lepak & Co.

HELENE MENZEL, German str., 3,600. Bunde, 17th Dec., Kuchinozaki 11th Dec., Coal—Bradley & Co.

HERMANN RICKMERS, German str., 2,300. W. Hamsen, 17th Dec., East Asiatic Trading Co.

HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 17th December, from Canton.

MADELINE RICKMERS, German str., 1,021. Simonson, 17th Dec., Bangkok 9th Dec., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

MALACCA, British str., 2,615. C. J. Benton, 17th Dec., London 5th Nov., and Singapore 11th Dec., General—P. & O. N. C. Co.

PARNON, British str., 1,290. K. E. Tueblin, 16th Dec., Chinkiang 14th Dec., Rice and Oil—Butterfield & Swire.

PITSANUAN, German str., 1,304. Goerschen, 16th Dec., Bangkok via Swatow 15th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

PRINZ WALDEMAR, German str., 3,227. C. Woltemas, 16th Dec., Sydney 23rd Nov., General—Melchers & Co.

PROGRESS, Norwegian str., 1,641. M. G. Steen, 17th Dec., Shanghai 13th Dec., Nil—Order.

SANDOWN, British str., 2,466. A. L. Paterson, 16th Dec., Cardiff 29th Oct., General—Doddwell & Co.

THYRA, Norwegian str., 2,419. H. Pedersen, 17th Dec., Kuchinozaki 11th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

TATHING, British str., 1,450. T. Sollars 17th Dec., Whidbey 12th Dec. and Chinkiang 13th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DEPARTURES.

16th December.

DELTA, British str., for Shanghai.

GLENNOCK, British str., for Amoy.

HANOI, French str., for Haiphong.

HOPKINS, British str., for Shanghai.

KAMPOT, French str., for Kwang Chow Wan.

KILDELMAN, British str., for Calcutta.

KUNG PING, Chinese str., for Swatow.

KWANGTSE, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

JONGSANG, British str., for Manila.

JOANG, German str., for Bangkok.

SHAOHENG, British str., for Shanghai.

SIMLA, British str., for Europe.

SUISANG, British str., for Calcutta.

TJILATJAP, Dutch str., for Batavia.

WAISHING, British str., for Canton.

17th December.

ANPING, Chinese str., for Canton.

DALIN MARU, Japanese str., for Tamsui.

DECIMA, German str., for Foochow.

DUNDAS, British str., for Singapore.

ISMALLA, British str., for Singapore.

JOHANNE, German str., for Swatow.

PAEHO, British str., for Canton.

RAMBURI, German str., for Bangkok.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Hawkin* reports: Moderate to fresh N.W. wind, cloudy and fine.

The British str. *Pakee* reports: From Chinkiang to Tung Yung moderate breeze and fine weather. From Tung Yung to port fresh monsoon, dull cloudy weather and heavy rain at times.

The German str. *Prinz Waldemar* reports: Met with fair weather till the Philippines; from there very strong N.E. and E. winds with a very rough sea. On the 10th inst. spoke Norw. ship *Ora* in lat. 6.40° N., long. 134.16° E., bound north, and German *Hydrographic*, Q.G.N.P., in lat. 7.39° N., long. 137.20° N., bound for Yokohama.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

16th December.

ABEDDEEN DOCKS.—*Loongnoi*.

KOWLOON DOCKS.—*Evo*, H.M.S. *Virago*, H.M.S. *Whiting*, German str., *Paul Beau*, *Hilary*, *Laisong*, Bangkok, H.M.S. *Olter*, *Argonia*, *Smopolitan Dock*.—*Hankow*, H.M.S. *Alacrity*.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. 2805

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Hongkong, 30th November, 1905. 2105-2135

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"		On 2nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"SAINT BEDE"		On 2nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCULUS"		On 9th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"		On 16th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"		On 23rd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"		On 24th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHIELES"		On 30th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"		On 6th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINUS"		On 13th February.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TYDEUS"	On 2nd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	On 16th January.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"STENTOR"	On 30th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"SAINT BEDE"	On 13th February.
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HAMA		
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA and PACIFIC COAST	"TYDEUS"	On 26th December.
	"PINGSUEY"	On 26th January.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1905.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
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FOR
SHANGHAI "KWANGSE" On 19th December.
MANILA "TEAN" On 19th December.
SHANGHAI "PAOTING" On 21st December.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE "CHINGTU" On 22nd December.
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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS
DESTINATIONS SAILING DATES.
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Capt. Hebel (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) On 24th Dec. Freight.
SITHONIA HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG On 25th Dec. Freight.
Capt. H. Bremer (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) On 25th Dec. Freight.
AMBRIA HAVRE and HAMBURG On 16th Jan. Freight.
Capt. Wimmenberg (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) On 16th Jan. Freight.
BRISGAUL HAVRE and HAMBURG On 25th Jan. Freight.
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HONGKONG OFFICE KNG's BUILDINGS.

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VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Wednesday, December 27th
PLEIADES	3,763	F. G. Purington	to follow.
SHAWMUT	9,606	E. V. Roberts	Wednesday, January 24th

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1905.

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REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN.

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILATJAP	JAPAN	First half of December	JAVA PORTS	First half of December
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of December	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of December
TJIMAHY	JAPAN	First half of January	JAVA PORTS	First half of January
TJILWONG	JAVA	First half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of January

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIQUE PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAILING DATES.

PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY 20th December

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH WEDNESDAY 3rd January

GNEISENAU WEDNESDAY 17th January

ROON WEDNESDAY 31st January

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 14th February

ZIETEN WEDNESDAY 28th February

PRINCESS ALICE WEDNESDAY 14th March

PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD WEDNESDAY 29th March

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH WEDNESDAY 11th April

SACHSEN WEDNESDAY 25th April

PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY 3rd May

ROON WEDNESDAY 6th June

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 29th June

ZIETEN WEDNESDAY 4th July

OLDENBURG WEDNESDAY 18th July

BAYERN WEDNESDAY 1st August

PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD WEDNESDAY 15th August

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH WEDNESDAY 29th August

ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of DECEMBER, 1905, at NOON, the Steamship PRINZ HEINRICH, Captain Grossch, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 19th December, and Parcels

will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 19th December.

Contents of Packages are required.

No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.

Linen can be washed on board.

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MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1905.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DIRECT TO VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Steamship

"PROGRESS."

will be despatched as above for the above port on THURSDAY, 21st inst.

For freight and further particulars, apply to

M. J. CONNELL, 7, Beaconsfield Avenue, Hongkong, 16th December, 1905. [23

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Christmas Cards (if prepaid at Printed Matter rates) must be posted either in an unfastened envelope or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purpose of examination without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or separating any adhering surfaces. Covers may be secured with string.

Cards in closed envelopes with notched ends or corners cut will be taxed as letters.

The best method of sending cards is to enclose them in an envelope with the flap turned in.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day have been declared public holidays. On Christmas Day the Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. until 9.00 a.m. There will be one delivery and one collection on all Sundays. In the event of the French Mail arriving from Europe, the Post Office will open for one hour after the mail is sorted.

On Boxing Day the Post Office will remain open until the French Mail for Europe is despatched at Noon.

On New Year's Day the Post Office will be closed except from 8.00 a.m. till 9.00 a.m. There will be one delivery of letters and one collection on all Sundays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

The German mail, with the German mail of the 21st November left Singapore on Friday the 13th inst., at 1 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 6 p.m.

Mails for CANTON, SAMSHU, and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m.

On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8 a.m.

Mails for NANTAO, SANBU, KONGMOK, KUMCHUK, *SAMSHU, *WUCHOW and CANTON are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

*No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Chingkiang		Monday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao		Monday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe		Monday, 18th, 4.00 P.M.
Yokohama and Kobe		Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle		Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland		Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao		Tuesday, 19th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta		Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Shantung		Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila		Wednesday, 20th,
EUROPE, &c., India via Tutiopurin	Extra	
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M.)		
Postage 10 cents.		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		

Macao	
Shanghai	
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon	
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	
Macao	
Shanghai	
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama V. cities, B.C. & Tacoma	
Macao	
Yokohama and Kobe	
Manila	

TO-DAY.

Sale, Papers, Sales Room, Mr. Geo. P. Lam-
pert, 11 a.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Stores, H.M. Naval Yard, Messra.
Hughes & Lough, 10 a.m.

The Zorrilla Musical Comedy Co., City Hall,
9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS:

ON LONDON— 16th December.
Telegraphic Transfer 2 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 2 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 2 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 2 1/2

ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 2584
Credits, at 4 months' sight 263

ON GERMANY—
On demand 210

ON NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, on demand 504
Credits, 60 days' sight 51

ON HONGKONG—
Telegraphic Transfer 1533
Bank, on demand 1533

ON CALCUTTA—
Telegraphic Transfer 1533
Bank, on demand 1533

ON SHANGHAI—
Bank at sight 71 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight 72 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA—
On demand 100

ON MANILA—
Bank, on demand 101

ON SINGAPORE—
On demand 61 p.c.p.m.

ON BATAVIA—
On demand 123

ON HAIPHONG—
On demand 14 p.c.p.m.

ON SAIGON—
On demand 1 p.c.p.m.

ON BANGKOK—
On demand 60

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate 9.65

COLD IRON, 100 fine, per tael 51.50

BAR SILVER, per oz. 20 1/2

OPIUM.

16th December.
Quotations are:— Allow 'ce not to 1 saty.
Malwa New \$1000 to — per picul.
Malwa Old \$1000 to — " "
Malwa Old \$1100 to — "
Malwa V. Old \$1180 to — "
Persian fine quality \$1150 to — "
Persian extra fine, \$1200 to — "
Paini New \$955 to — per chest.
Paini Old \$960 to — "
Bengal New \$945 to — "
Bengal Old \$940 to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Heinrich* left Shanghai on Saturday at 11 a.m., and may be expected here this evening at 5 p.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Gneisenau* left Singapore on Friday at 1 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow at 6 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. str. *Mongolia* sailed from Yokohama on the 8th Dec., and is due here on the 19th Dec.

The P.M. str. *China* will leave Yokohama for Hongkong via Manila on the 15th Dec., and is due here on the 27th Dec.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 14th Dec., and left again at 3 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 2 a.m. to-day.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The C.P.R. str. *China* from Australian ports, left Port Darwin on the 8th Dec., and is due here to-day at daylight.

The J.C.J. Lin str. *Typhoon* left Macassar for this port on the 16th Dec., and may be expected here on the 18th Dec.

The str. *C. Ayer*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 13th Dec. at noon, and is due here to-day.

The str. *Rabi* left Manila on Saturday, the 16th Dec. at 11 a.m., and is due here to-day at 4 p.m.

The A.L. str. *China* left Singapore for this port on the 12th Dec., p.m., and is due here to-morrow.

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NEW DOCK NOW OPEN.

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Length on Blocks 714 " "
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Width of Entrance on Bottom 884 " "
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Length on Blocks 513 " "
Width of Entrance on Top 88 " "
Width of Entrance on Bottom 77 " "
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide 264 "

DOCK No. 2.

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Length on Blocks 35 " "
Width of Entrance on Top 66 " "
Width of Entrance on Bottom 53 " "
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 16th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$4200	\$100, buyers
Banks	\$125	\$870, sellers London, £420 10
Hongkong & S'hai	\$125	\$84, buyers
National B. of China	\$12, 6d.	\$7, sellers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	\$12, 6d.	\$10, sellers
China-Borneo Co.	\$10	\$9, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$9, \$4
China Provident	\$10	\$10, sellers
Cotton Mills— Ewo	\$10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong	\$10	\$14, sellers
International	\$10	\$10, \$4
Leou King Mow	\$10	\$10, \$4
Prinz Heinrich	\$10	\$10, \$4
Printed Matter and Supplies	\$10, 100	\$10, sellers
Registration	\$10, 100	\$10, \$4
Kowloon B.O.	\$10, 100	\$10, \$4
No late fee.		
Letters	11.00 A.M.	
Wednesday, 20th	1.15 P.M.	
Hongkong	2.00 P.M.	
Wednesday, 20th	3.00 P.M.	
Scinde	5.00 P.M.	
Taiwan	11.00 A.M.	
Thursday, 21st	1.15 P.M.	
Thursday, 21st	3.00 P.M.	
Friday, 22nd	1.15 P.M.	
Friday, 22nd	3.00 P.M.	
Lya	22nd, 11.00 A.M.	
Friday, 22nd	1.15 P.M.	
Friday, 22nd	3.00 P.M.	
Friday, 22nd	3.00 P.M.	
Rubi	23rd, 11.00 A.M.	

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,
AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"IDOMENEUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godown of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 11th December.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 13th December.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th December will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. [20]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERPEN, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE HAL. Steamship

"AMBRIA," STEAMSHIP "ARAGONIA," FROM PORTLAND (OH.), YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.